GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

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CIVILIAN TREKKING TO SIACHEN
Sugavanam Shri E.G.

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has cancelled civilian trekking to Siachen this year;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the proposal, if any, to reopen the same in the coming months?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (c): Yes, Madam. While the Government plans to continue the annual civilian trekking to Siachen, the trek planned in September, 2010 was cancelled due to flash floods in Ladakh which had effected the road communication and other infrastructure in the region.